U.S. Representative Gregg Harper

FY 2010
Requests to Interior, Environment and Related Agencies
Appropriations Subcommittee

Project Name: Natural Resources Economic Enterprise Program
Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University
P.O. Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762
Amount Requested: $1,000,000
Project Description: This integrated extension-research program promotes a sustainable/profitable conservation ethic among landowners, managers, and communities that includes recreational enterprises with fish, wildlife, and forest/agricultural land. It is imperative that we 1) have a long-term interdisciplinary research program, 2) monitor economic impact to rural communities, 3) develop educational curricula and training materials, and 4) demonstrate successful integrated wildlife-forest-agricultural business strategies to promote rural development and family farm incomes.

Project Name: Breakthrough Programming for Durability and Housing
Proposed Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University
P.O. Box 9820, Mississippi State, MS 39762
Amount Requested: $2,000,000
Project Description: Elevate the partnership between the USDA Forest Service, Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) and the Mississippi State University (MSU) Forest Products Department to address critical and pressing issues of housing and component durability. Homeownership is often the single largest investment that Americans make over the course of their lifetimes. It is the classic American Dream. The recent crisis in the housing market illustrates both how deeply homeownership is engrained in society and how critically important housing is to Americans. To maintain and improve the associated employment and standards of living of Americans, it is important that wood, bio-products, and the structures that are built there from have the longest possible service lives. The partnership proposed herein seeks to address this issue, thereby protecting employment and jobs in the U.S. as well as protecting the American Dream.